12.49 hr.

STATEMENT UNDER RULE 199

[*English*]

RESIGNATION FROM THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

MR. SPEAKER : Shri K. Ramamurthy to make a statement.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY) : In the light of my resignation from the Council of Ministers, I am making the following statement :

The people of Tamilnadu were expecting a great deal over the Cauvery water issue. This is a highly emotional issue and in fact a life and death problem of the people of Tamilnadu.

Over 25 years have passed without solution to the problem and justice has been continuously denied to Tamilnadu.

I stand by what I stated in the Press. It is due to my conviction to the cause and commitment to the people of Tamilnadu. I have also tendered my resignation from the Council of Ministers and have handed it over yesterday, late in the night to the Hon'ble Prime Minister.

I will continue to serve my Party as a loyal soldier and will participate in all the party programmes.

MR. SPEAKER : Mr. Rangarajan Kumaramangalam.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : He said, I stand by it.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : Shri Madan Lal Khurana, he stands by it.

12.50 hrs.

BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THIRD REPORT

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN (Rosera): I beg to move :—

"That this House do agree with the Third Report of the Business Advisory Committee presented to the House on the 29th July, 1991."

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER : The question is :

"That this House do agree with the Third Report of the Business Advisory Committee presented to the House on the 29th July, 1991."

The Motion was adopted.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

(i) *Need to reintroduce Vayudoot Service in Orissa.*

[*English*]

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI (Deogarh) : Due to inadequate number of aircraft, the Vayudoot Services between Bhubaneshwar-Jeypore-Vizag sector and Bhubaneshwar-Rourkela Calcutta sector were withdrawn in December, 1985 and September, 1989 respectively. This has adversely affected the movement of foreign tourists and also the travelling public in the State. Thus the development of immense tourism potentialities of this economically backward State has been very much hampered.

Further, Jhansuguda which is the gateway to Western Orissa was included in the list of places to be covered by Vayudoot services in 1986-87. There is a good aerodrome at Jhansuguda since the Second World War peorid which with some repairs, is capable of handling even boeing aircraft. With a number of industries located in this locality there will be no dearth of passengers. In fact, there is a pressing demand for Vayudoot services to be extended to this place.

Therefore, I would request the Hon'ble Minister for Civil Aviation to kindly take